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- 1. There are six separate cliques in the Legislative Yuan. The existence of these groups is usually apparent in the legislative conferences where the factions maneuver to outwit each other,
- 2. These cliques are as follows:
  - a. The Refermers' Club (Re Hsin ( ): This group is controlled by the CC Clique, although some of its members are not (C members. It includes over 100 members. The Reformers' Club is comparatively the best organized, and therefore, the most active in the legislative conferences.
  - a new organization composed of various independent elements under the leadership of the Political Science Clique. The members number almost 200. This group is not as keen in overthrowing the Ct Clique as the others. Its organization and regulations are in some ways superior to those of others, and its members also outnumber the CC Clique.
  - c. The New Deal Club (Hein Cheng Chu Lo Pu 新皮膜響動): This club numbers more than 100, the majority of whom are members of the Youth Corps (see paragraphs 3 and 4).
  - d. The "14" Discussion Society (I Sau Tso T'an Kui 一 四座 淡雲): The memeral #14# in the name of this clique refers to the 14 graduating classes of the Whampon Academy. This society is composed of military members of the Legislative Yuan, and is an organization of the ;raduates of the Whampoa Military Academy. Its members are few in number. (See paragraphs 3 and 4,)
  - o. The Free Discussion Society (Tzu Yu Tso T'a: Jui 自 由 度 This society is composed principally of old legislative members. There are approximately fifty members. This society functions in accordance with the wishes of the President of the Legislative Yuan. It has also joined forces with the "United Discussion Society" (see paragraph 4) in the war against the CC Clique.

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f. Chong Yu Discussion Society (誇友座談會): This faction has only a few members.

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- The New Deal Club and the "14" Discussion Society have the characteristic of being "young and robust." These two have jointly organized a "United Discussion Society." which often allies with the Kwangsi Clique led by LI Tsung-jen and PAI Chung-hei, and the CRU Clique led by CRU Chia-hua (\*\*), in order to oppose the CC Clique. They are thus quita powerful in the legislative conferences.
- 4. The power of the anti-CC Clique group in the "United Discussion Society" coalition was demonstrated at the recent election of the President and Wice President of the Legislative Yuan, when the "United Discussion Society's" candidates decisively defeated the men supported by the Reformers' Club of the CC Clique.

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